Foreign Tourists

317. SHRI S. AUSTIN:

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for foreign tourists inflow and foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the achievements made in this regard so far;

(c) whether the targets are likely to be achieved; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The terminal year targets for tourist arrivals and foreign exchange earnings from tourism for 8th Five Year Plan are 2.57 million tourists and Rs. 7000 crores of foreign exchange respectively.

(b) The tourit arrivals during 1993-94 were 1.87 million and the estimated foreign exchange earnings from them were Rs. 4573 crores.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, unless we experience unforeseen setbacks.

Percentage of travellers by IA

318. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of people in the country travelling by the Indian Airlines flights after the starting of operations by the air taxi operators;

(b) the percentage utilisation of the Indian Airlines Aircraft;

(c) the international standard, if any, in this regard; and

(d) the average capacity filling in the Indian Airlines flights?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Till August, 94 Indian Airlines carried 67.5 per cent passengers after the start of operations by the air taxi operators.

(b) and (c) The percentage of aircraft utilisation is as under:—

Aircraft type	Percentage of aircraft utilised
A 300	60.00
A 320	69.00
B 737	72.20

(d) The average capacity utilisation of IA during 1993-94 measured in terms of seat factor was 68.6 per cent.

Suggestions of the India Japan Study Committee

319. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the suggestions made by the tourism Sub-Committee of the India-Japan Study Committee in October, 1993;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to implement these suggestions; and

(c) the details of suggestions on which the Government have initiated action for implementation so far?